

Press On

"Moving Forward... The Exodus" Part 4 of 5
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I) PROBLEMS: WHAT THEY USUALLY DO

1) They ___ STRETCH OUR FAITH ___ to new limits.

"The Lord [said to Moses], 'Tell the people to march toward... the sea. Camp there along the shore, opposite **Baal-zephon**. Then Pharaoh will think, 'Those Israelites are confused. They are trapped between the wilderness and the sea!'" (Exodus 14:1-3, NLT)

2) They ___ MEASURE OUR FAITH ___ in new ways.

"The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he chased after [them...as they] were going out boldly." (Exodus 14:8, NAS)

II) PROBLEMS: WHAT WE SOMETIMES DO

1) We ___ FEAR ___, looking only at circumstances.

"As Pharaoh and his army approached, the people could see them in the distance, marching toward them. The people began to panic..." (Exodus 14:10a, NLT)

2) We ___ FALTER ___, lacking hope in circumstances.

"...and they cried out to the Lord for help." (Exodus 14:10b, NLT)

3) We ___ FIGHT ___, longing to change the circumstances.

"Then they turned against Moses and complained, 'Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren't there enough graves in Egypt? Why did you make us leave?''" (Exodus 14:11, NLT)

4) We ___ FORGET ___, losing sight in circumstances.

"Didn't we tell you to leave us alone while we were still in Egypt? Our Egyptian slavery was far better than dying out here in the wilderness!" (Exod.14:12, NLT)

III) PROBLEMS: WHAT GOD ALWAYS OFFERS

"...all night long the Lord protects me. I am not afraid of the thousands of enemies who surround me on every side." (Psalm 3:5-6, TEV)

1) God says, "___ STAND UP ___!"

"But Moses told the people, 'Don't be afraid...' (Exodus 14:13a, NLT)

2) God says, "___ STAND TALL ___!"

"...Just stand where you are and watch the Lord rescue you. The Egyptians that you see today will never be seen again." (Exodus 14:13b, NLT)

3) God says, "___ STAND BACK ___!"

"The Lord Himself will fight for you." (Exodus 14:14a, NLT)

4) God says, "___ STAND STILL ___!"

"You won't have to lift a finger." (Exodus 14:14b, NLT)

IV) PROBLEMS: WHAT THEY CAN TEACH US

"I bring God all my complaints, I tell Him all my troubles. When I'm ready to give up, He knows what I should do!" (Psalm 142:2-3, TEV)

1) It often takes a deep crisis to break a _STUBBORN HABIT_.

2) When you can't look left, right, ahead or behind _LOOK UP_.

3) Hidden in every problem, God offers you a _TREASURE_.

"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Quit praying and get the people moving! Forward, march!'" (Exodus 14:15, LB)